



EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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Title: BLS Primary Certification Examination Process		
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- A. BLS initial certification programs are the Emergency Medical Responder/First Responder and Emergency Medical Technician.
1. Candidates completing a certification program for the first time through attendance of an entire certification program must initiate certification testing within 180 days of the course end date.
- B. Initial Certification Testing
1. Emergency Medical Responder/First Responder
 - a. For courses ending before July 1, 2012 which were based upon the National Standard Curriculum (NSC), the candidate must complete a Virginia written and practical examination.
 - b. For courses ending on or after July 1, 2012 which are based upon the Virginia EMS Education Standards (VEMSES), the candidate must:
 - i. Complete the Virginia psychomotor examination
 - ii. Complete the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) cognitive examination.
 - (a) Access to the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) cognitive examination will be issued following successful completion of the Virginia psychomotor examination. See **T-210**.
 2. Emergency Medical Technician
 - a. For courses ending before July 1, 2012 which were based upon the National Standard Curriculum (NSC), the candidate must complete a Virginia written and practical examination.
 - b. For courses ending on or after July 1, 2012 which are based upon the Virginia EMS Education Standards (VEMSES), the candidate must:
 - iii. Complete the Virginia psychomotor examination
 - iv. Complete the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) cognitive examination.

(a) Access to the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) cognitive examination will be issued following successful completion of the Virginia psychomotor examination. See **T-210**.

C. Reentry Certification Testing

1. Emergency Medical Responder/First Responder

- a. Reentry candidates testing on or before December 31, 2013 will complete the Virginia written and practical examination which is based on the National Standard Curriculum (NSC)
- b. Reentry candidates testing after December 31, 2013 must complete the Virginia psychomotor skills practical and the National Registry cognitive examination.

2. Emergency Medical Technician

- a. Reentry candidates testing on or before December 31, 2013 will complete the Virginia written and practical examination which is based on the National Standard Curriculum (NSC)
- b. Reentry candidates testing after December 31, 2013 must complete the Virginia psychomotor skills practical and the National Registry cognitive examination.

D. Equivalency Testing

- a. Equivalency candidates testing on or before December 31, 2013 the candidate must complete a Virginia written and practical examination.
- b. Equivalency candidates testing after December 31, 2013 must complete the Virginia psychomotor skills practical and the National Registry cognitive examination.

E. Legal Recognition Testing

- a. Legal Recognition candidates testing on or before December 31, 2013 the candidate must complete a Virginia written and practical examination.
- b. Legal Recognition candidates testing after December 31, 2013 must complete the Virginia psychomotor skills practical and the National Registry cognitive examination.

F. **Maximum Allowed Testing Period** – All certification testing series must be completed within twelve (12) months from the date of the primary certification test attempt (e.g. first test date). Failure to complete this process within this twelve (12) month period will require the Candidate to repeat an entire initial basic training program or applicable bridge course before any additional testing may be attempted at this certification level.